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SEN. CHARLIE SHIELDS TO SPEAK AT WESTERN

St. Joseph, Mo. —Jan. 26, 2005—Missouri Senator Charlie Shields will give a legislative update at Missouri Western State College’s Eggs and Issues, a free breakfast presentation for the campus and community. Sen. Shields will speak at 7 a.m. Feb. 11 in the Leah Spratt Multipurpose Classroom Building, Enright Room, 214. To make reservations for the breakfast, call 816-271-5646 by Feb. 7.

Sen. Shields, who represents the 34th District, will give an update of state legislative issues, including education, improving Missouri’s business climate and making government more efficient.

He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1990, and was named “Outstanding Freshman Legislator” by fellow Republicans in 1992. In February 2002, Sen. Shields was named “Legislator of the Year” during Republican State Lincoln Days in Springfield.

Sen. Shields was elected to the Missouri Senate in 2002, and was elected to the position of Senate Majority Floor Leader this year. In this position, he serves as the Chair of the Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee, Vice-Chair of Gubernatorial Appointments, and is a member of the Administration and Education Committees.

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Along with his service in the Senate, Senator Shields is employed as a Project Coordinator for Heartland Health System in St. Joseph. He has done work in the areas of children's health, mental health policy and community benefit analysis.

Senator Shields has received numerous awards of appreciation for his dedication and service, and he also volunteers for several community organizations. He served on the Mid-Buchanan R-V Board of Education from 1987 to 2004.

He holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's degree in business administration, both from the University of Missouri – Columbia. Sen. Shields and his wife, Brenda, reside in rural Buchanan County, and have two sons.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.